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LAST MONTH'S  
FIGURES

## Captain's Column

Dear Friends,

February is often called the month of love with St.Valentines day on the 14th and this year being a leap year ladies you are allowed to propose to the man in your life!

Love is a funny thing. We *love* ice cream, chocolate, cars, football teams, and music groups. All of us *love* using the word *love*. But what does it really mean to *love*? Does saying you love someone truly mean that you do?

James 2:17 says that '*Faith by itself, if not accompanied by action is dead.*' In other words, its great to believe something, but if you never act on that belief, then who's to say you really believe. And when it comes to loving someone, who's to say you really love them unless you show them with your actions.

1 John 4:9 & 12

*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him...No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*

A man was wandering around in a field, thinking about how good his wife had been to him and how fortunate he was to have her. He asked God, "Why did you make her so kind-hearted?" The Lord responded, "So you could love her, my son." "Why did you make her so good-looking?" "So you could love her, my son." "Why did you make her such a good cook?" "So you could love her, my son." The man thought about this. Then he said, "I don't mean to seem ungrateful or anything, but ... why did you make her so unintelligent?" **"So she could love you, my son!."**

Jokes aside - It doesn't matter how often we tell others we love them; what matters is how often we **show** them our love. Words are important, but actions are the proof of our words. This is what God did for us. He did not just say, "I love you." He **showed** us His love by sending His Son so we might live through Him.

God has already shown us His love by sending Jesus. When we love one another, all people will be able to see God through us. Who do you need to show the love of God to today?

### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1	No service
Week 2	47
Week 3	58
Week 4	United Service
Week 5	54

**AVERAGE 53**

### OFFERINGS

Envelope giving	£ 1752.28
Collections	£ 227.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 1979.98</b>

### INCOME & OUTGOING

Income	£ 3387.09
Expenditure	£ 3400.41
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>£ 13.32</b>

## God's love never fails



Carol

## SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

### February

- 5 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H  
12 Sally, Helen, Sheila S, Jean  
19 Shirley, Sheila A, Lisa  
26 Karen, Adrian, Peter

### March

- 4th Christina, Gael, Julia  
11th Colleen, Betty G., Betty H  
18th Sally, Helen, Sheila S, Jean  
25th Shirley, Sheila A, Lisa

Thanks to the teams who volunteer to do this week by week.



### Prayers

1. We thank God for our church family and the fellowship we share. We would pray for those for whom we have concern over.

Christina has had her operation and we pray for her recovery. Adrian is still unwell and we continue to remember him and Karen in our prayers.

June is not too well again. There are others too and we pray God's healing hand upon each one.

2. This month brings the start of our Self Denial missionary appeal—We would pray for those who will be helped by our giving in this. The partners in mission of Zambia, Uruguay, Pakistan, Bangladesh & Mozambique.

3. Pray for our young people each with their own concerns. We pray God's protection over them and to keep them close to him. We pray that God will grow his Kingdom in this place.

4. We thank God for answered prayer.



## Congratulations on becoming A Senior Soldier Barbara Hodson



### *'Toddlersong'*

Our new group is going very well. If anyone would like to join—its Wednesdays 1.45pm (term time only) Parents/ carers and preschool children/ babies

£1



### Churches Together Lent Groups

#### '40 days of Preparation'

A series of Lent Bible studies  
These groups are open to all—  
See poster on notice board and  
contact leaders or hosts to  
book a place.  
[www.ctsw.org.uk](http://www.ctsw.org.uk)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### FEBRUARY

- 5th Service led by Capt. Carol  
10am—Launch of Self Denial followed by JAM Club at 11.45 & Cell group  
6th Joint management group 10am  
7th Well  
6pm Junior Soldiers  
8th Toddlersong 1.45pm  
9th Well  
12th Service led by Capt. Carol  
10am followed by JAM Club & Cell Group.  
13th-17th Half Term—No Well or JS or Toddlersong  
14th CAMEO - Valentines Special  
19th Service led by Capt. Carol  
10am NO JAM Club or Cell Group  
20th-23rd Carol away on 'Into Officership' course.  
21st Well  
Highfields Service 2.30pm led by Kelvin Pipe  
23rd Well  
24th Prayer Meeting 10am  
26th Service led by Capt. Carol  
10am followed by JAM Club & Cell Group

Singing Group at Dunstable Corps (evening)

- 28th Well  
CAMEO - Whatever the Weather  
6pm Junior Soldiers  
29th Toddlersong 1.45pm

### MARCH

- 2nd Women's World Day of Prayer  
4th Self Denial Altar Service 10am  
17th JAM Club Coffee Morning  
18th Mothers Day Service

## UNITED CHURCH PRAYERS

For the month of **FEBRUARY**

We are invited to pray for the  
**Catholic Church**

We pray for leaders and member of  
this church in  
Saffron Walden.

### YOUNG People's Annual

Please look at our web site  
for a video of the enrolment of Barbara Hodson  
as a Senior Soldier.

[www.waldenarny.org.uk](http://www.waldenarny.org.uk)

